

4. The system of claim 1 wherein the specific program content indication comprises one or more of the group of L, language, V, violence, MV, mild violence, FV, fantasy violence, BN, brief nudity, N, nudity, S, sexual content, AS, adult situations, D, suggestive dialog.

5. (New) The system of claim 1 wherein the display depicts a main blocking menu which allows a user to block or enable viewing of programs globally, or to block or enable viewing of programs by Rating/content codes, Time, Channel, Time Allowance, pay-per-View dollar Allowance and by Grid Selection from an electronic television program schedule grid guide.

6. (New) The system of claim 1 wherein the display depicts a menu lists of users entered in a user database, the combination of highlighted individual titles or group of titles of the matrix varying according to user.

7. (New) The system of claim 1 wherein the overall program ratings are listed along a column of the matrix, each program rating having rows corresponding to one or more specific program content indications.

8. (New) The system of claim 7 wherein a title corresponding to one of the overall program ratings is activated or deactivated to block or enable a particular program rating.

9. (New) The system of claim 7 wherein a title corresponding to one of specific program content indications is activated or deactivated to block or enable a particular program content indication.

10. (New) The system of claim 1 wherein circuitry connected between a television signal input and the display enables blocking or allows viewing of particular television programs based on the overall program ratings and specific content ratings of the rows or columns corresponding to the highlighted titles.

11. (New) A method of restricting access to television programs comprising:
inputting cursor movement and selection commands;
displaying a two dimensional matrix composed of rows and columns of tiles, wherein either the rows of tiles or the columns of tiles correspond to overall program ratings and either the rows of tiles or the columns of tiles correspond to specific program content indications and depicts highlighting of individual tiles or groups of tiles based on the cursor movement commands
blocking or allowing viewing of television programs based on the overall program ratings and specific content ratings of the rows and columns corresponding the highlighted tiles when a selection command is entered into the input.
12. (New) Activating or deactivating a title corresponding to one of the overall program ratings to block or enable a particular program rating.
13. (New) Activating or deactivating a title corresponding to one of specific program content indications to block or enable a particular program content indication.

REMARKS

The above amendments and these remarks are a response to the Office action mailed on June 21, 2002. Claim 1 has been amended and claims 5-13 have been added. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment, which is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made." Claims 1-13 are now pending in this application. Reconsideration of the basis of the above amendments and remarks below is kindly requested.

Specification

On page 2 of the Office action, the Examiner objected to the specification alleging that it is replete with spelling and grammatical errors. Applicants have amended the specification to place it in better form. In amending the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 32, Applicants have added language